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**RE: Notification of the Move of the Laboratory Tuberculosis (TB) Unit from Mount Vernon, Missouri to the State Public Health Laboratory in Jefferson City.**

Dear Tuberculosis Submitter:

The new Missouri State Public Health Laboratory building in Jefferson City has been completed and is fully operational. One purpose for the construction of a new laboratory was to transfer the TB unit into modern biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) space and to upgrade the diagnostic capabilities of this critical laboratory unit.

Beginning April 6, 2009, all specimens submitted to the TB laboratory at Mount Vernon, will be transferred to the State Public Health Laboratory of Oklahoma, until the laboratory in Jefferson City is ready to accept these specimens. Results and questions will continue to be managed by our capable Mount Vernon staff. Hopefully, this will be transparent to you as the submitter.

When the TB unit reopens in Jefferson City, there will be changes in specimen submission. Specific information will be provided to all submitters, prior to that time. Please contact Bill Walden, TB Unit Manager at the Jefferson City Laboratory, at 573-751-3334 for specific questions about this move. We appreciate your patience in this matter and we intend to continue to provide state-of-the-art TB laboratory testing for the Citizens of Missouri.

Sincerely,

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